बिहार में कार्यरत पी.सी.ओ.

3705. **श्री जनार्दन यादव**: क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) बिहार में कितने पी.सी.ओ. चालू अवस्था में हैं; और

(ख) बांका के कुल कितने पी.सी.ओ. चालू अवस्था में हैं और जो पी.सी.ओ. चालू नहीं हैं वे कब तक चालू होंगे?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कबीन्द्र पुरकायस्थ): (क) बिहार में चालू अवस्था में कार्यरत पी.सी.ओ. की संख्या 23,014 है।

(ख) बांका में चालू अवस्था में कार्रत पी.सी.ओ. की संख्या 244 है। खराब पड़े हुए पी.सी.ओ. की आपूर्तिकर्त्ताओं के साथ वार्षिक मैनुअल कन्ट्रैक्ट करके प्राथमिकता आधार पर यथाशीघ्र मरम्मत के लिए उपाय शुरु किए गए हैं।

Permanent disconnection of Telephones

3706. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone subscribers under Vasant Vihar Exchange, New Delhi whose telephones disconnected permanently during October, 1997, till date;

(b) the number of such persons who have applied for refund of amount on account, of permanent disconnection alongwith number of those whose claims were returned for want of necessary formalities;

(c) the time limit for disposing of such claims and whether all the claims were settled within the stipulated time; and

(d) by when, all the pending claims will be settled and what disciplinary action is being taken against concerned officials (5f M.T.N.L. Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) There are 120 such subscribers.

(b) Number of persons who have applied for refund is 104 and the number of persons whose claims were returned for want of necessary formalities is 68.

(c) Such claims arc to be disposed of within 60 days. The cases where subscriber completed formalities were settled within stipulated time.

(d) The pending cases will be settled as soon as subscriber? complete the formalities.

In view of above, no disciplinary action

Non-operational State of STD code allotted to Nalanda

3707. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Nalanda had been allotted STD code long ago;

(b) whether it is alsb a fact that this STD code has not been made operational so far and for dialing telephony number under Nalanda exchange frorp outside one has to use STD code for Bihar Sharif;

(c) if so, the justification of allotment of a STD to Nalanda;

(d) the main reasons for non-operational State of the above; and

(e) by when, it would be made operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) STD code 06119 has been allotted to Fajgir SDCA and Nalanda exchange falls in Rajgir Short Distance Charging Area (SDCA). Accordingly, STD code allotted to Fajgir will also be applicable for Nalanda.

(d) At present Nalan4a Exchange is parented to Bihar Sharif exchange on Underground cable and no transmission media is available betweeen Nalanda and

Rajgir, therefore the STD code allotted for Nalanda has not been implcmefited.

(e) There is a plan to provide Optical Fibre cable connectivity between Rajgir and Nalanda during 1998-99, thereafter STD code 06119 will be implemented.

Cellular mobile service by M.T.N.L.

3708. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M.T.N.L. will launch cellular mobile telephone service in the country;

(b) whether any global tenders, technical and financial bids separately have been invited from internationally reputed manufactures and suppliers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA) (a) Yes Sir, MTNL intends to introduce cellular mobile services in the cities of Delhi and Mumbai.

(b) and (c) MTNL has invited global tender, Technical and Financial bids separately, from reputed manufacturers and suppliers of GSM equipment of atleast five years standing with adequate financial strength on a turnkey basis for survey, design, supply of equipment, installation and commissioning of Cellular Mobile Services. The System shall be designed initially to cater for one lac subscribers each for Delhi and Mumbai and capable of expansion. The Techno-commercial bids have already been opened on 15th July, 1998 in which seven bidders have participated.

महानगर टेलीफोन निगम लिमिटेड में वित्तीय अनियमितताएं और प्रशासनिक कुप्रबंध

3709. **श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र**: क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हाल में महानगर टेलीफोन निगम लिमिटेड, वित्तीय अनियमितताओं तथा प्रशासनिक कुप्रबंध का शिकार हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में क्या कार्रवाई की गई है; और

(ग) क्या सरकार के पास महानगर टेलीफोन निगम लिमिटेड बोर्ड के पुनर्गठन की कोई योजना है?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कबीन्द्र पुरकायस्थ) (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) उपर्युक्त भाग (क) के उत्तर को ध्यान में रखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) जी, हां।

Amount due on Doordarshan as Satellite Charges

3710. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount due on the Doordarshan as satellite charges;

(b) the reasons for not sending final bills on time; and

(c) the steps taken to realise all Government dues on time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) While no such satellite charges are due from Doordarshan, an amount of approximately Rs. 1.75 Crores is due towards the difference of maintenance charges for the hardware uplinks set up by the Department of Telecom munications ,for use by Doordarshan.

(b) The final Bills have been released after completion of entire project work and reconciliation of expenditure from the fields units.

(c) Doordarshan has so far released an amount approximately of Rs. 8 Crores and for payment of rest of the amount, the matter is being persued with Doordarshan.